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AFTER PLENARY SESSION TODAY I MET WITH LLOYD, COUVE
AND VON BRENTANO WITH TWO OR THREE ADVISERS EACH. I
PRESENTED FOLLOWING TO WHICH ALL AGREED.

QUOTE

AFTER DINNER TONIGHT WITH GROMYKO I THINK WE SHOULD
GO BACK AT GROMYKO ON OUR PLAN FOR UNITING BERLIN AND ALSO
RE-EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE STILL TALKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE WESTERN PEACE PLAN WHICH CONTEMPLATES ONLY AN
INTERIM SOLUTION FOR BERLIN PENDING REUNIFICATION.

I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO SUMMARIZE THE SITUATION ALONG
THE FOLLOWING LINES.

THE THREE WESTERN POWERS JOINTLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT GIVE UP THEIR RIGHTS OF OCCUPATION
IN BERLIN WITH UNHINDERED ACCESS THERETO.
2. THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY FORCES FROM
WEST BERLIN.
3. THEY HAVE NO RPT NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING THE DDR
RPT. DDR.

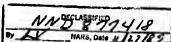
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4. IF THE SOVIETS UNILATERALLY BREAK THEIR EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH THE WESTERN POWERS OR ASSERT THAT THEY CAN TRANSFER THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE DDR RPT DDR OR OTHERWISE IMPAIR THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE WESTERN POWERS, THEN IT WOULD SEEM FUTILE FOR THE WESTERN POWERS TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT IN FUTURE WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON ANY MATTER WHERE THE AGREEMENT WAS DEPENDENT ON GOOD FAITH RATHER THAN BEING COMPLETELY SELF-ENFORCING. WITH RESPECT TO WEST BERLIN, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL RETAIN AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS WHICH CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE IMPAIRED BY ANY SUCH UNILATERAL ACTION.

5. THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BERLIN SITUATION WHICH ARE NEGOTIABLE ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. WE WOULD WELCOME ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE SOVIET EXPRESSED FEAR OF "INCIDENTS" AND CLARIFY THE TERMS UNDER WHICH OUR RIGHTS ARE EXERCISED, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR NORMAL CIVILIAN INTERCOURSE FOR GOODS AND PEOPLE BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BY ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT.

OVIOUSLY THE INTRODUCTION OF EVEN "SYMBOLIC" SOVIET FORCES INTO WEST BERLIN WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. IF "SYMBOLIC" SOVIET FORCES ARE TO REMAIN IN BERLIN, THE PLACE FOR THEM IS EAST BERLIN.

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